

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1836 - SB 1818

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each public high school to begin classroom instruction no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and each public middle school to begin classroom instruction no earlier than 8:00 a.m. beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Some local governments may experience a mandatory and/or permissive increase in expenditures. The precise impact on local expenditures will vary by LEA; the total overall net impact to local expenditures is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3004, the minimum length of the school day for students is six and one-half (6½) hours.
- Currently each local education agency (LEA) determines school start times based on the district's needs.
- Mandating a start time will not affect the standards or curriculum taught in each LEA.
- Implementing a mandated start time could affect school district transportation needs as some LEAs stagger start times in order to allow a single bus to run multiple routes.
- Some LEAs may experience a change in expenditures related to costs associated with before care and after care; the precise net impact cannot be reasonably determined.
- Mandated start times may result in mandatory and/or permissive increases in local expenditures for some LEAs. The precise impact on local expenditures will vary by LEA; the total overall net impact to local expenditures is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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